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THE SILVER-TONGUED VENTRILOQUIST AND HIS DUMMIES.

IF THE SHOW SUCCEEDS, HE 'LL GET ALL THE PROFITS.

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WOMEN'S WAYS.



MRS. COLUMBUS FLATTE was a little put out with her husband the other morning at breakfast, because he mildly but firmly refused to go to the station to meet Miss Ruggles.

"I knew I'd have to go, myself, when I asked you!" said Mrs. F. "I always do! You'd have gone to meet her soon enough when she was young — and pretty — though I don't suppose she ever was — but she's awful good. Your mother says she was always dreadfully fond of you and made your first dresses. No doubt she'll be just as good to you now. Only you men are such dudes nowadays. I declare, whenever I come into the room with you and brother Dick you're just talking about nothing but your clothes and the Rains Bill! Talk about women's love of dress! Why, there's Dick wearing fur on his overcoat all last Winter, like a bad actor out of a job! And before I was married, if any of us girls wore any thing the least bit loud or red, he'd kick up a worse row than a bull."

"Well, my dear," observed Mr. Flatte while toying with some rather gnarled strawberries; "why don't you post up so as to be able to discuss these matters with us? Since you've taken to biking you are picking up fairly well on ties, and waist coats, and hat bands; but I'm sure that whenever I commence



PARTLY SO.

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MRS. MURPHY (*about to take her first salt-water bath*).—Is th' wather seasonable, Dinny?

MR. MURPHY.—It's plinty salty enough, Biddy!—but Oi don't belave theer is a dom bit of pepper in it.

to instruct you a little on the affairs of the nation, you are liable to bring me up on scarlatina or mixed pickles."

"Oh, well," said Mrs. Flatte as she begun to scrape the dishes; "I don't care a rap whether we have anything to drink on Sunday or not. I'd rather have orange phosphate any day in the week; they have it by the bottle now. And I notice you can always get all you want; and I dare say you are better off without it, anyway. — That reminds me" — Mr. Flatte makes hasty preparations for departure — "Columbus dear — to please me — for my sake — won't you, darling — take one little teaspoonful of that sulphur and molasses I mixed for you?"

But Columbus was well on his way to the L station.

Madeline Orvis.

ON THE TRAIN.

RURAL PASSENGER.—Young man, I'd like to get your views on the crime of Seventy-three.

CHOLLY.—Aw — weally — aw! — there's so much cwiminal news in the papers — I — aw — did n't notice anything about it, doncherknow!

A BARGAIN.

HE.—Well, did you make arrangements to board for the Summer?

SHE.—Yes; and they will take Johnny at half price.

HE.—That's first-rate. If they knew Johnny, they would make us pay for him *à la carte*.

IF YOU can convince a man who thinks he is a martyr that he is only a chump, not much more is necessary.



WHAT SHE WANTED.

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DEALER (*dubiously*).—Y-e-e-s! This hammock *will* hold two; but it would be awfully close work,

MAIDEN (*quickly*).—I'll take it, please!



SUMMER RESORTS NOT IN IT.

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STRANGER (*in Dakota*).—Are all you men out of work?

BRONCHO PETE.—No, sir;—we're waitin' fer school ter let out, so 's ter take our turns proposin' ter th' new school-ma'am, thet 's jest arrived fum Vassar College. 'If yer want ter take a chance in dis 't'row-out,' yer must go down ter de foot uv de line, nex' ter Shif'less Simpson.

A SUNSHINE SONG.



FAR ABOVE us—fixed in ether,
YELLOW Sun shines down on Earth;
Always welcome—steadfast ever—
Ruleth He through birth and worth.
Nearer to us—vastly nearer—
Pales the WHITE inconstant Moon
Yielding only Light Reflected—
Palest ere at Farmer's noon.

All the sagest of the sages
Who had life in days of old,
In the MOON saw type of SILVER,
But in SUN the type of GOLD!
Saw they facts, or saw they fancies?
Wiser one than I must tell;
But, in very truth, their visions
Fit to-day's conditions well!

Can we now by legislation
Make fixed sun of fickle moon?
Can we make one silver dollar
Other than—its type—the moon?
Won't it vary—vary—vary,
And be ever slave of Sun?
Will it ever—ever—ever
Glow as self-illuminated one?

Should we vote to kill the sunlight
And to moonlight beat retreat,
Every stalk of corn and cotton
Wither would,—as would all wheat!
Yet they tell us—bluntly tell us—
Silver MOON and golden SUN
Through the Ballots of the People
By some magic may be one.
Nit!—Nit!!—Nit!!!

T. T. B.

IT WOULD COST AT LEAST FIVE.

SHE.—I have often wished I were a man. Now, you have a good time; I wish I were you!

HE.—I know somebody who will make us one.



ANNOYANCE.

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THE "WAY" of some transgressors is extremely suave.

THE HAIL-FELLOW well met is usually a man it is well to avoid meeting.

SHE.—These reporters are so careless! This paper says I have been "for years one of the handsomest women in society."

HE.—Well, my dear, what is the objection to that?

SHE.—Why, I never said anything about "for years!"

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THE LATEST MARVELS OF THE NEW LIGHT!
PROF. MULLIGRUBB'S WONDERFUL AND SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS WITH THE X RAY!!
POSSIBILITIES HITHERTO UNDREAMED!!!
CATHODE PHOTOGRAPHY THROUGH THE EARTH!!!!

TO THE Editor of PUCK—Sir:

I wish to give to your readers an account of recent Roentgen light discoveries by that eminent scientist, Prof. Mulligrubb.

With characteristic modesty the Professor has been assiduously toiling on, refusing to make the results of his work public until full and complete success had crowned his efforts. The first experiments made by the Professor were with the common eight-inch Crook's tube, and the ordinary apparatus. To be brief: these consisted of flashlight pictures through flat walls in Harlem. The well-known thickness and sound-proof, to say nothing of light-proof qualities of these walls, made this a formidable task, indeed. But the Professor succeeded not only in getting excellent shadowgraph plates of his next door neighbors' domiciles on either side of him, but, in one instance, the light penetrated an empty flat beyond, and the Professor soon saw that with the necessary apparatus he could take clear through the entire block. In fact, he did so; but the plates were unsatisfactory from the very fact of their success. That is, the scotographing of one object upon another gave a composite shadow-picture which was useless to science.

Encouraged, however, by this result, and not dismayed at all by his failure to photograph the brains of several well-known cotillion leaders in society, the Professor determined upon his greatest and grandest experiment,—that of photographing through the earth. He had made a Crook's tube nine hundred and forty feet by one hundred and twenty-six.

It took three weeks alone to exhaust the air from this by four duplex Westinghouse air pumps.

The plate he used was forty-six by twenty-six feet.

He chose, as the scene of his experiment, the juncture of Fifth Avenue, Broadway and Twenty-third Street—a spot admirably suited to his purpose, since he would be safe from the intrusion of idle curiosity seekers.

If the Professor had any doubts as to the result, he was agreeably disappointed. He secured fifteen snap shots of Antipodean landscape—widely divergent as to locality. For, as the reader can readily see, the slightest deviation, the hundredth part of an inch in the position of the plate from a straight line, meant a difference at the object point of thousands of miles.

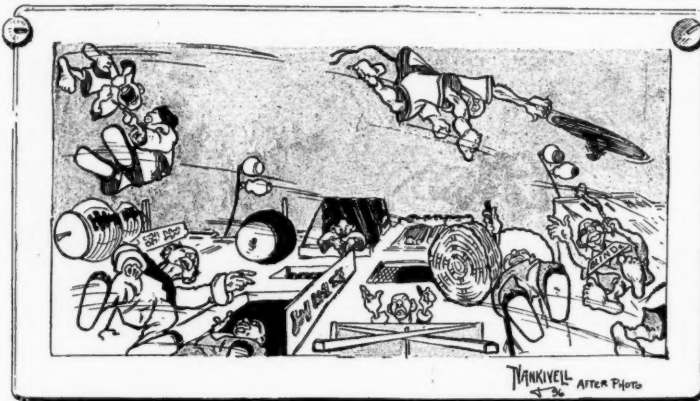
The plates show a street scene in Canton, a riot on the Island of Formosa, and a scene in the Australian bush. One, of course, must remember that the pictures were taken from *beneath*, hence, the added perspective, as it were.

All honor to Professor Mulligrubb, and well may PUCK be proud as he hears the envious screams of his

baffled contemporaries. For PUCK is the first to give Professor Mulligrubb's wonderful experiments to the world.

The present writer is congratulating himself that he was the humble medium thereof.

Roy L. McCardell.



WITH A WINDLASS.

"Gosh!" said Uncle Ivigreen, at the mouth of the gold mine, as the car was pulled up and dumped; "that there 's an easy way t' raise money!"

NO ROOM FOR DOUBT.

ARTHUR.—Are you sure she loves you?

JACK.—Yes; when I told her I had no money to marry on she asked me if I could n't borrow some.

MANY A penny saved becomes of use only after the one who saved it is urned.



AT THE SEASIDE.

FIRST SUMMER GIRL.—I've just been in bathing.
SECOND SUMMER GIRL.—How did the air feel?



A NECESSARY COURSE.

DOBSON.—Well, I'll be hanged! Hobson, what are you doing here, 'tending bar? I thought you had just graduated from the School of Pharmacy.

HOBSON.—So I did. I'm taking a post-graduate course here. I'm going to open a drug store in Asbury Park.

AN INQUIRY.

CANVASSER.—We offer, with our wheel, special inducements to beginners.

JONES.—Have you built a hospital for them?

ITS ORIGIN.

HARDENED HANNIGAN (*musingly*).—I wonder who invented dat angel cake de ladies gives to de tramps?

DROWSY DUNNIGAN.—I dunno; but I t'ink 't was dat fallen angel.

HIS RELATIVES.



THE MAN who plays at poker,
Should lay this fact to heart;
His "ante" and his "uncle"
Will not be far apart.

AN ETCHING.

An old brick-house, blood-red, with
a ghastly gray roof. A distorted ivy
writhes about it in a strangling embrace.
The windows show dark and mysterious
in the lurid twilight.

An iron dragon on the gable
shrieks in the bitter East Wind, and
the brass knocker on the inhospitable
door is wrought like an evil face
A lilac thicket huddles in one corner
of the weedy yard and seems covering
a crime in its tangled branches.
Poison-bloated toads squat on the
neglected walk and a gaunt hound
howls from the broken doorstep.

A hearse-like carriage, drawn by spectral horses, pauses at the
ruined gate. A tall figure descends, wrapped in a long cloak, his
haggard face shadowed by the slouch of his hat.

He drags into the house a trembling maiden who sinks into the
first chair with a sickening thud. A woman in a scarlet gown turns
her purple eyes inquiringly upon the two.

"Agnes!" the man exclaims bitterly; "I have become desperate;
this is the fifth girl I have brought you this week, and if *she*
does n't stay, we pack up and go back to Harlem — see?"

E. A. C.

HISTORY'S ITERATION.

MAUD ASKIT.—Which one of them did you say you hated?

GRACE CARIOT.—Sh! they'll hear you; I'll kiss the one I mean
on both cheeks.

LITERARY ITEM.

"Of all Dickens's characters," declared the landlady, as she helped
Mr. Eatalot to meat for the third time, "I particularly detest Oliver Twist."

"MUSIC is the food of love," but it also puts away large quantities of
candy and ice-cream.

AN OBJECT IN VIEW.

HE.—It's reported around that we are engaged.

SHE.—Well, you know it's a mistake.

HE.—Yes; I called to see if I could n't rectify it.



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AN UNFORTUNATE KICK; OR, HOW TOMMY WILKINS GOT EVEN WITH A STRANDED THESPIAN.

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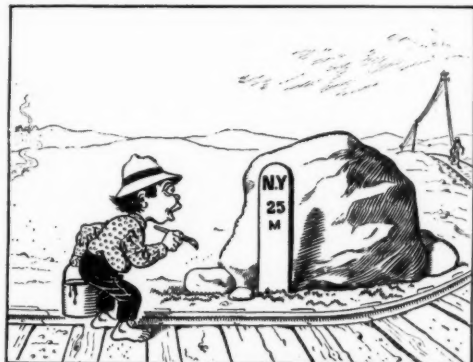
JUNIUS BRUTUS SOREFOOT.—Prithee, me boy, make
room for your betters! Out of my road! Dost thou
hear?



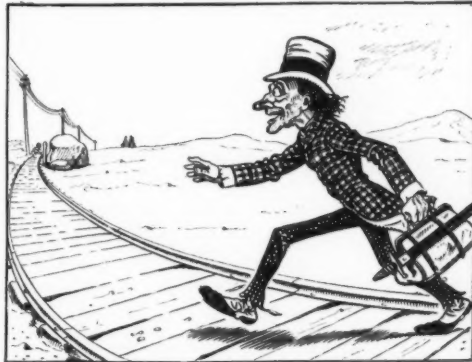
TOMMY WILKINS.—All right, you worn-out, Ham!
I'll get even with you, mind!



JUNIUS BRUTUS SOREFOOT.—Ve Gods! My strength
is nigh exhausted. Tramped this long, weary distance
from Chicago. I *must* be near New York!



TOMMY WILKINS.—Ha! I see a way to do dat old
fried-egg. Dem figgers on dat mile-post 'll stand an
addition.



JUNIUS BRUTUS SOREFOOT.—Oh! my aching limbs!
My poor, bruised feet! I can not stand another day
of this. I *must* be somewhere near New York. Ah!
a mile-stone! The first one I have seen in days!
The sight of it renews my failing strength.



JUNIUS BRUTUS SOREFOOT (as he sees the mile-
post).—!!! —!!! —!!!

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POT LUCK.

MISS SNOWFLAKE.—Does yo' believe in wishbones?
MR. JACKSON.—W'y, it's a sign ob exceptional luck to hab a fresh one in youah pocket every day or two!

UNAVAILING.

The mermaid was taken suddenly ill—a case of sea sickness.
“Uncle Neptune,” she moaned, “I wish you would dive up amongst that group of bathers over there in the surf and ask them if there is a doctor present.”
Uncle Nep. did so, and presently returned with a professional-looking young man, who presented his card.
The mermaid glanced at the card, uttered a wild shriek of hysterical laughter and turned tail and fled.
He was a chiropodist.

THE MAKING of mistakes is the one trade that seems to require no apprenticeship.



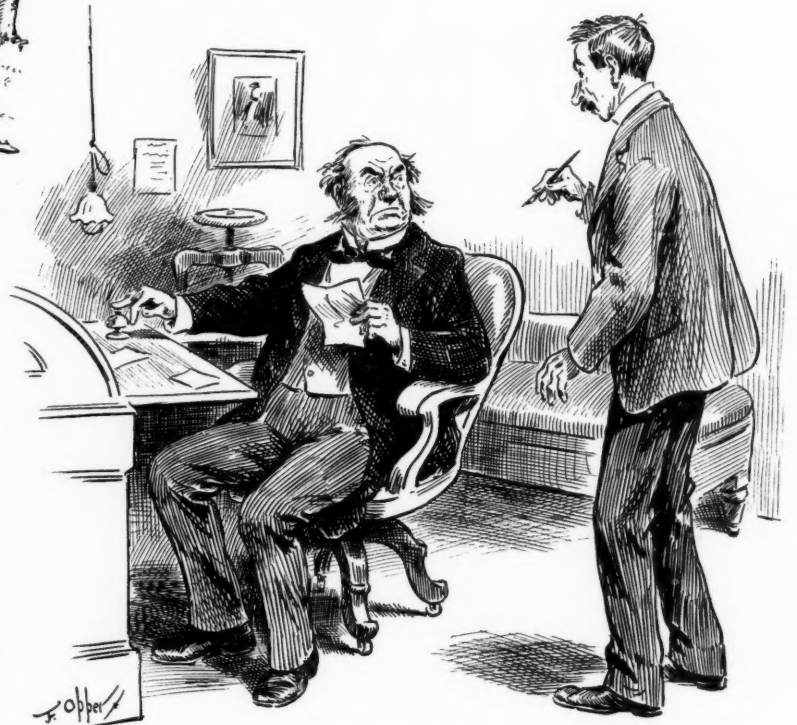
OF COURSE.

SHE.—Do you smoke cigarettes?
CHOLLY.—Ya-as, of course!—That's all they're good for!

WOULD HAVE TO TALK WHEELS.
GOBANG.—I am glad I do not work in a bicycle factory.
GRYMES.—Why? That ought to be a good job.
GOBANG.—Yes; but folks would continually tell me that I was talking shop.
CAREFUL OF HIS HEALTH.
FIRST MOSQUITO.—Let's take a nip at that Boston girl.
SECOND MOSQUITO.—No; my doctor has warned me not to indulge in iced drinks.

NAUTICAL TASTES, LIMITED.
AUNTIE.—What a pretty sailor suit your Mama has bought you!
JOHNNY.—Yes; but, all the same, she's afraid to let me go in swimming.

THOUGH MANY men claim that the world owes them a living, the most successful of that stamp never seem able to collect more than an existence.



THE IMPORTANT PART.

EMPLOYER.—Mr. Jones writes me that you insulted him yesterday—
BILL COLLECTOR.—I'll tell you just what happened—
EMPLOYER.—Tell me, first, if he paid his bill.

SOUND BUSINESS POLICY.
MRS. WALKER.—I don't see why the doctors all recommend bicycle riding. If it makes people healthier, it is a loss to the doctors.
MR. WALKER.—I know; but they figure that one sound, healthy rider will disable at least five pedestrians per week.

PROOF OF ABILITY.
“Young Jones is a pretty bright fellow.”
“Did n't he deliver the valedictory at his college commencement a couple of weeks ago?”
“Yes; and he's begun to revise his opinions already.”

AT THE BUZZVILLE OPERA HOUSE.
SAMANTHA (after the villain dies).—Ain't it strange how he can lay there so quiet an' still?
HIRAM.—Yes; 'specially the way the moskeeters is bitin' to-night.

THE WEDDING ring is a circle that squares the debts of the European nobleman.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

THE NEED FOR A MAN.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY will have only himself to blame if his election is endangered by a third ticket. Up to date he has cut a sorry figure before his countrymen. Whether his conduct is due to stupidity or to cowardice matters little, since it can have but one result. By deliberately ignoring the real issue and childishly pretending that the country is chiefly concerned about the restoration of his tariff-policy he is alienating a vast number of sound money Democrats. These Democrats are ready to ignore party ties and to vote for a candidate who stands for the preservation of the national honor; but such a candidate must be honestly outspoken in behalf of the present gold standard, and he must not affect to believe that this is not the main issue. Mr. McKinley has had ample opportunity to define his position, but he has wasted his time. Owing to his unsavory record upon the money question, a free and hearty confession of the gold faith was necessary to convince suspicious voters of his soundness; but, instead of making and reiterating this confession, he has paltered and trimmed and given out his rusty platitudes about the "home market" and "gainful pursuits" and the greatness of the American people. There is but one explanation of this: instead of facing the issue manfully, he is trying to win silver votes by steadily refusing to commit himself to either side. It is true that the phrases "sound money" and "an honest dollar" fall plenteously from his lips; but it is also true that his windy opponent emits the same phrases with equal copiousness. The great body of sound money Democrats, hearing the same empty cant from both candidates, will logically decide that both men are equally

dangerous, and they will demand a candidate who is not afraid to declare his adherence to the gold standard in plain terms. No self-respecting Democrat can afford to vote for the creed of lunacy put up by the Chicago convention; but, equally, no self-respecting Democrat can vote for a candidate who is afraid to stand upon a gold platform. An honest, willing and clear-cut adherence to the platform of his party would have earned for Mr. McKinley the support of the rational men of both parties. His crawling evasion of this issue, if persisted in, must lose him the larger part of that support. He is the kind of man who would have insisted in 1860 that a high tariff was the only remedy for the social disease of that period. There is a crisis at hand and it calls plainly for a man of firmness and integrity. Mr. McKinley in his pitiful effort to win votes under false pretenses shows his lack of both these qualities, and makes the nomination of a sound money Democrat imperative, if the spurious Democratic ticket is to be defeated.

MR. HOWELLS TOO SERIOUS.

MR. W. D. HOWELLS has been criticising the habit of tip-taking and giving, and the Liberty Dawn Association of Coach Drivers of New York City has taken offense thereat. Mr. Howells, it is said, has agreed to debate the proposition publicly with an officer of that association. It is easy to understand how the hypersensitive feelings of the Liberty Dawn members may have been grievously wounded by Mr. Howells' plain speaking: "The acceptance of a tip," he says, "ranks coachman with a sturdy beggar, and is a swindle which lives from the despicable vanity of the giver to the detestable rapacity of the taker." Well may all hackmen feel alarm at such talk. If it became general it might embolden a few of their victims to resist the act of pillage which now inevitably terminates a business transaction with one of them. It is not easy, however, to comprehend Mr. Howells' point of view. If he were not a notoriously delightful humorist we should promptly accuse him of a lack of humor. The most charitable supposition is, that in his earnest study of a grave problem of sociology he has forgotten his humor, — or else he has never braved the perils of a public hack. Has he ever sauntered up Broadway of a late evening and listened to the hoarse cry of the night hawk as he falls upon his prey? They are no birds to talk ethics with. Has he ever selected a hackman with a peculiarly benignant and trustful face, — one who looked like a kind husband and good father, — only to learn in the end that he was a hardened pirate? If not, there is a rich and memorable experience awaiting him. And after he has gained it he will change the proposition for debate to this: "Is it right for a hackman to demand more than four times his legal fare; and is it wise for a plain citizen with a family to support to argue the matter with him if he does?" Be sure, Mr. Howells, that the bonus paid to a hackman does not spring from the "despicable vanity" of the giver, but from a natural and laudable desire to see his home and the faces of his dear ones again.

SARCASM-BY-THE-SEA.



SAID HE: "Miss Swifte has just come out
In a new bathing-suit, my love."
Said she: "It is, I have no doubt,
The suit of which the jokers spout,
And which you read so much about,
Yet see so very little of."

MODESTY.

"But your arguments would apply to a
copper or a wooden dollar as well as to a
silver dollar."
"I know; that's just where we silver men display our generosity and self-control."

NOTHING IN IT.

TIRED TATTERS. — C'nettycut 's a close 'n' doubtful State;
had n't we better go there 'bout 'lection time?
HUNGRY HOWARD. — Naw! I wuz there 'n' '92, 'n' the State
ain't half s' close 'n' doubtful 's the fellies what run the 'lection is!

A REVOLT.

FIRST HARLEMITE. — The strength of the silver sentiment in
our flat is surprising.
SECOND HARLEMITE. — You don't say so? How is that?
FIRST HARLEMITE. — Well, the janitor has come out for
sound money.

ACCOUNTED FOR.

TEACHER. — The peripatetic philosophers used to deliver their in-
structions while walking about.
PUPIL. — Oh, yes! In those days they had no wheels.

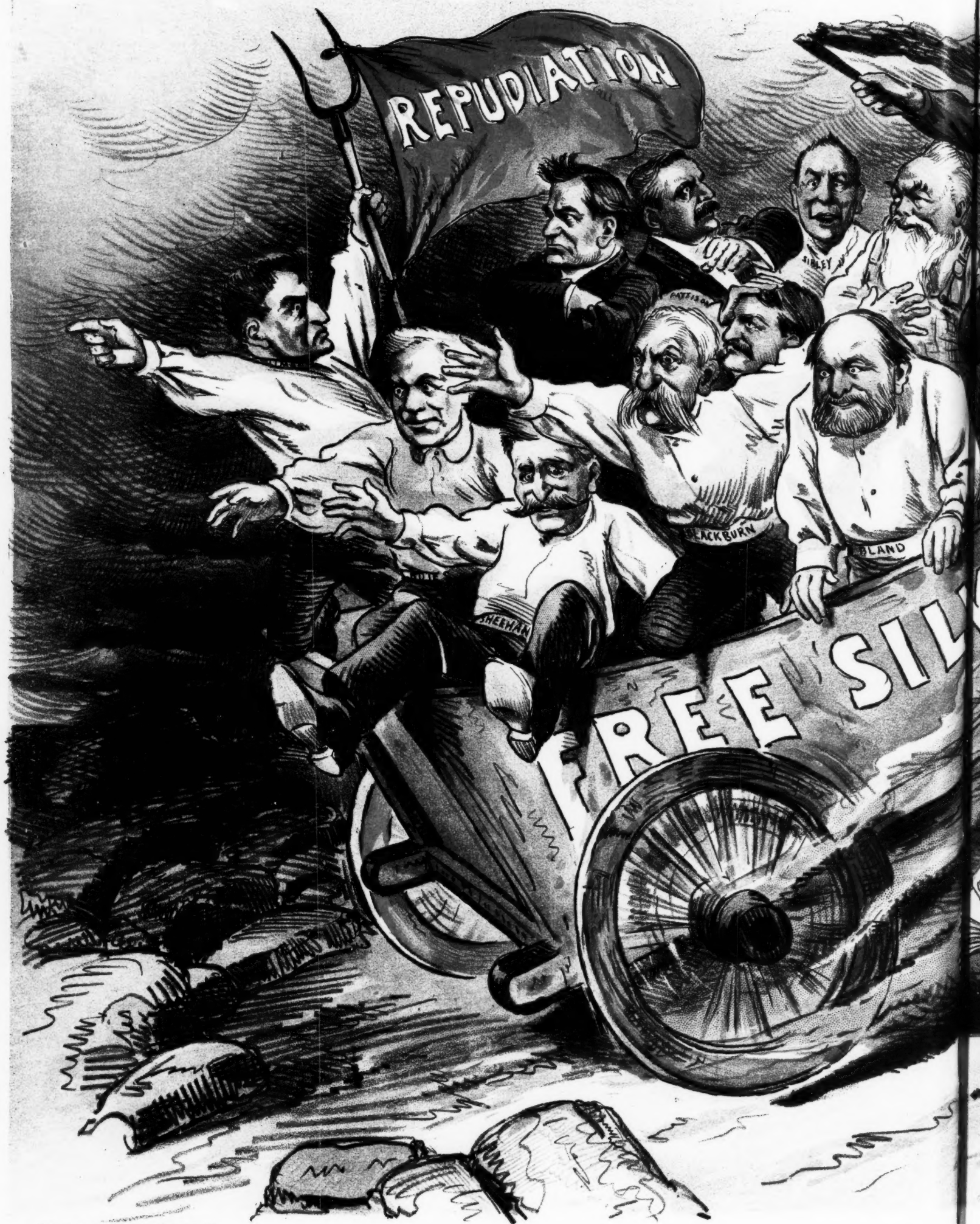
YOU MAY find a balm for the lover crossed,
Or the candidate who 's defeated;
But the only balm for a ball-game lost
Is to swear that the umpire cheated.



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KILLING AN ARGUMENT.

JOHNSON. — Doan't understand why a silber dollar beant jiss
as good as a gole dollar, hey? Let me 'lucidate. Now, s'pose I
borrowed a gole dollar ob yo' one day, an' paid yo' back wid fifty
cents, what would yo' say?
JACKSON. — Golly! I 'd say I nebber expected enny ob it
back!



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A DOWNFALL
SILVER LUNATICS. — Hip, hip, hurrah! Just now

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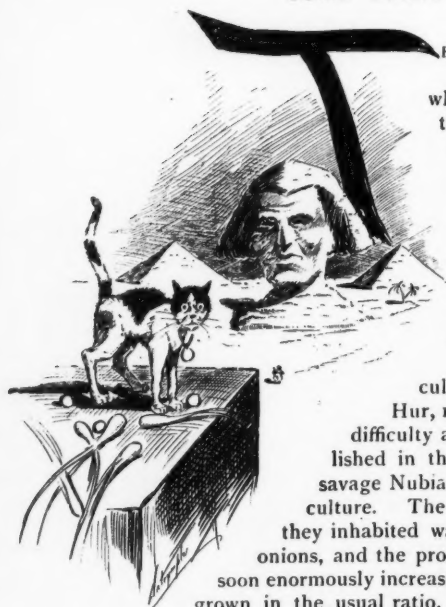


DOWN- MOVEMENT.

ah! Just how much faster we are going since we cut loose!

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SOME LIGHT FROM EGYPT.



THE ANCIENT Egyptians had a currency based on cats and onions, both of which were sacred objects worshiped by the people. As there was some difficulty in storing the cats, and as the onion was liable to decay, a circulating medium was provided of papyrus strips, representing a certain number of cats and onions at a ratio of sixteen to one. This was a true double-standard system, and is believed to have been the origin of modern paper currency.

For a time the cat-onion money circulated at par, but the historian, Faque Hur, records that about 963 B. C. a serious difficulty arose. New colonies had been established in the region of the Upper Nile, and the savage Nubians had been taught the arts of agriculture. The rich black soil of the valley which they inhabited was especially suited to the growth of onions, and the production of those perfumed bulbs was soon enormously increased. Meanwhile the cat crop had only grown in the usual ratio, and the result was that with the demand for sacred animals in the new colonies at least thirty onions would be given for one cat. This brought the papyrus currency into disfavor, and the ruling Pharaoh, Ram Bunkshus III, issued a royal order that cats should be the sole standard of value, and that onions should be issued only to the extent that they could be kept at par with the "caterwaulers," as the unit of value was termed.

This did not suit the onion growers, who at once started an agitation for the free and unlimited coinage of all onions at the good old ratio of their daddies. After passing 3,187,642 resolutions denouncing the horrible crime of 963 the onionites marched in a body to the palace of their Pharaoh, and demanded that the unjust law enacted at the instance of the cat-bugs should be repealed, and the bicatallic standard restored. Ram Bunkshus listened to them patiently and answered: "Great, no doubt, was the wisdom of our ancestors. But I am in the wisdom business myself to some extent. When the ratio of sixteen to one was adopted that was the true ratio of the cats and onions. Now, owing to a great increase in the quantity of onions, the ratio is thirty to one. All-powerful as I am, I can not make onions worth more than their market value. The present standard stays. As for you, O Foolish Onionites! your leaders shall feed the sacred crocodiles. The rest of you will return to your farms and hustle. I have remarked!"

Thus ended the first and only currency agitation in Egypt.

Whidden Graham.

THE WORLD won't pay attention to you long for what you have done; you've got to keep doing things.

THE MAN who takes offense easily generally makes a very poor selection.



"The wig keeps them off my bald head all right, but it seems that if they can't get a bald head they just promenade all over one's face."

OUTWITTING THE FLIES.

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MR. BALDE.—Phew! Gewhizz! These flies will drive me crazy! I'll buy a wig this very day.



"Ah! There's one of those bald-head wigs that those variety comedians wear on the stage! I'll try that."

VERY APPROPRIATE.

"Why are you putting such big words in that challenge?" asked the eminent pugilist of his private secretary.
"They are jaw-breakers, sir!"
The explanation was quite satisfactory.

IN SOUTH AMERICA.

"Death to the traitor!" shouted the infuriated revolutionists.

But the old man gazed upon them calmly.

"Hear me," he said, "before you strike. It is true that I swore to overthrow the Government, and it is also true that I was captured fighting in the ranks of its supporters. But the fact is, citizens, that I have been engaged in so many revolutions that I sometimes get mixed up. On this occasion I got rattled and forgot which side I was on."

Concluding that his defense was quite plausible, the patriots gave him the benefit of the doubt.

NOT QUALIFIED.

LAWYER.—Have you heard of the Monroe Doctrine?

TALESMAN.—Yes, sir.

LAWYER.—I object to him, Your Honor. Evidently he reads the papers.



"Say, this is solid comfort! I'll bet those flies think they've struck the head of a Sil-verite, though!"



HER SCHEME.

WANT a chair for the parlor," she said,
And the clerk said: "This way, please;
In the chair I have here a visitor
Will sit for hours at ease."

The maiden blushed. "I already have
His chair. I wish you'd show
A chair not quite so comfortable,—
For the other man, you know."

AMENDING THE CONTRACT.

GUEST.—See here! The rates charged in this bill are very much
higher than I agreed to pay.

PROPRIETOR LAKE VIEW VILLA.—True, my dear sir! But the
weather has been very much finer than either of us anticipated when that
arrangement was made.



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UNMISTAKABLE DEVOTION.

"Do you love me?"
"Have n't I told you your bloomers are becoming?"

A LOVER'S EMBARRASSMENT.

"And when was it," she asked, tenderly, "that you made up your
mind to propose?"

He blushed and faltered, and tried to say that it was on a Summer
night, when she looked radiantly beautiful in the pale moonlight. As a
matter of fact, it was one morning when the boarding-house coffee was
exceptionally weak; but how could he tell her that?

NOT SO CRAZY.

"That was a plumb lunatic that was in here just now."
"What did he come for?"
"Wanted us to let him have a wheel in exchange for paid-up pew-
rent."

DANGEROUS.

"What is the charge?" asked the Judge, as the venerable person
with the side-whiskers was brought forward.

"Insanity, Your Honor. We found him on the Rialto, singing
'I want to be an angel.'"

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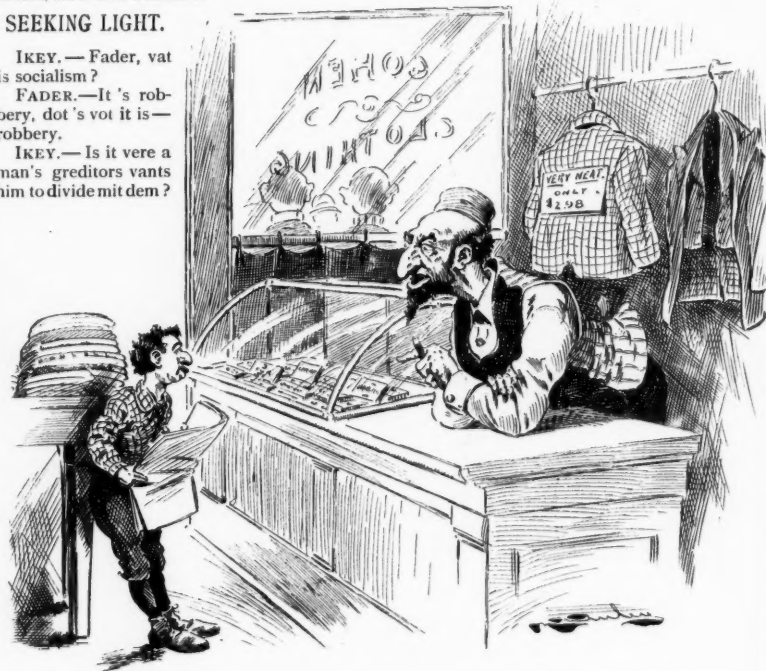
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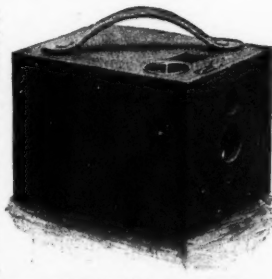


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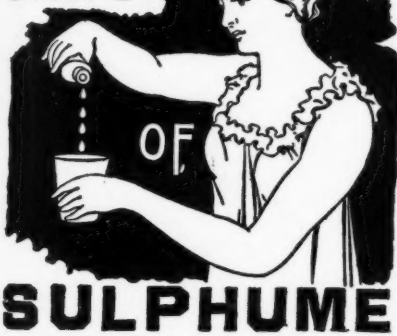
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So dear the rest, I sure must lose by setting one apart;
Such jolly girls, my reason whirls, I 'm at their feet, you see,
And on their shining bicycles they ride right over me;
For Kate in knickers is so sweet, and Bess in bloomers new,
My heart is sorely pulled and rent to choose between the two;
So, meshed in dainty lingerie, it will renounce with pain
Both bloomered Bess

And knickered Kate

For petticoated Jane.

And yet, by all that 's chivalrous! that heart is only dross
That yields its quick allegiance at a petticoat's light toss.
Though sober skirts are well enough where maidens would be coy,
And knickerbockers make a girl look like an awkward boy,
As Kathleen mounts her wheel to ride my fickle fancy swerves;
When she displays her form petite and most entrancing curves
My love flows, like a mighty wave upon the surging main,
Past bloomered Bess

To knickered Kate,

Nor petticoated Jane.

Alas! how can I tell it? Call me foolish if you will,
My blushing pen must now indite another fancy still;
For Bess in bloomer costume is so unconstrained and free
That I am sure my only love this charming girl must be;
So sweet is she that any man would surely be a churl
Who did n't show affection for this blooming bloomer girl.
If any one can bind my heart with love's firm golden chain,
'T is bloomered Bess,

Not knickered Kate,

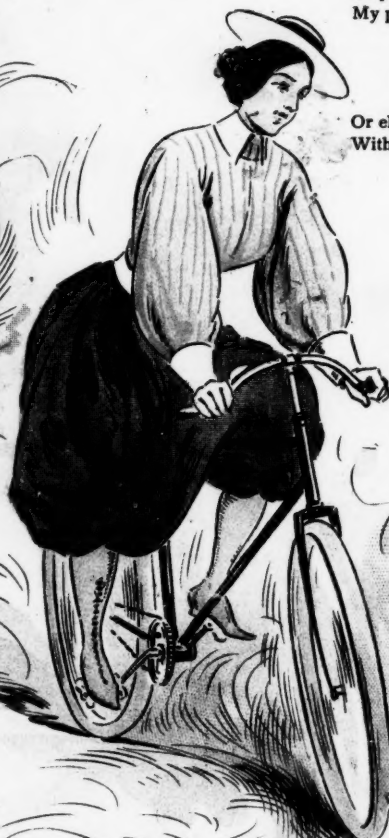
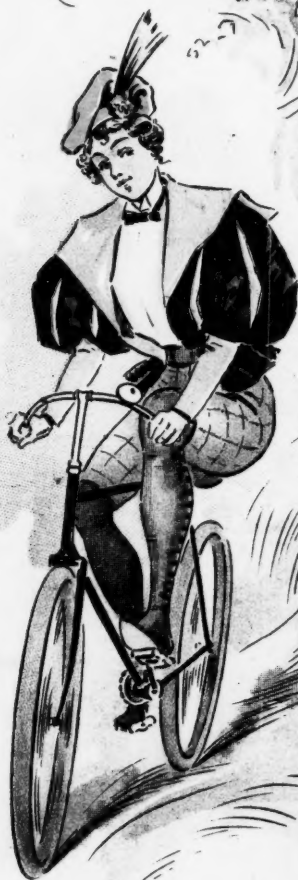
Nor petticoated Jane.

So pity me, I 'm all at sea. As they go riding by
My puzzled heart with many a smart for each one breathes a sigh;
A century run with any one of them my fate would seal,
For nothing aids Dan Cupid like companionship a-wheel;
But as all three are bound to be forever at my side,
I 'll have to buy a tandem if I wish to win a bride;
Or else my heart I needs must "share and share alike," 't is plain
With bloomered Bess

And knickered Kate

And petticoated Jane.

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